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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : James Pate  
Appl. No. : 10/620,778  
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Art Unit : 2876  
Examiner : Nguyen, Kimberly D.  
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TRACKING AND COMMUNICATING DATA STORAGE  
DEVICE INFORMATION USING RF TAGS: OPERATING  
CONDITION, CONFIGURATION AND LOCATION  
Attorney Docket No. : 02-5976  
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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED  
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Dear Examiner:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 7, 2007 for which the three-month shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on May 7, 2007. While

Applicant believes that no extension of time for response is necessary, should the Office determine that any additional fees are necessary for this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 12-2252.

Amendments to the **Claims** are reflected in the **Listing of Claims**, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

Entry of the Amendments below and consideration of the Remarks that follow are respectfully requested.